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1. SUMMARY: YURI ZHUKOV ON TELEVISION SAID GVN IS VIOLATING PARIS AGREEMENT WITH U.S. SUPPORT , URGED RESUMPTION OF US-DRV ECONOMIC TALKS, EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH LAOS SITUATION, AND CLAIMED 20 ROC PILOTS WERE HELPING LON NOL GOVERNMENT IN CAMBODIA. END SUMMARY

2. PRAVDA OBSERVER YURI ZHUKOV IN HIS JANUARY 5 TELEVISION BROADCAST ANSWERING VIEWERS' QUESTIONS CONCENTRATED ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INDOCHINA, PRIMARILY VIETNAM. PRESENTATION WAS LESS

SEVERE ON THE U.S. THAN ZHUKOV'S JANUARY 1 ARTICLE (REFTEL) AND REVEALED THAT HIS RECENT VISIT TO DRV WAS AS MEMBER OF USSR PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION. WHILE ZHUKOV PLOUGHED NO NEW GROUND, HIS REITERATION OF SOVIET POSITIONS IS USEFUL AS CONFIRMATION OF THEIR CONTINUED VALIDITY.

3. VIETNAM. TWO POINTS FROM THE DECEMBER 24 NLF-SOVIET COMMUNIQUE STOOD OUT IN ZHUKOV'S DISCUSSION OF SVN. FIRST, GVN IS GUILTY OF VIOLATING PARIS AGREEMENT, AND RELIES ON U.S. SUPPORT. SECOND, THE NLF AND PRG ARE "ONLY GENUINE REPRESENTATIVES OF NATIONAL INTERESTS OF SVN PEOPLE."

4. VOICING CONFIDENCE IN ABILITY OF NLF TO COUNTER GVN MILITARY PRESSURE, ZHUKOV SAID IF HALF-MILLION U.S. SOLDIERS WITH ALL THEIR B-52'S WERE UNABLE TO SUPPRESS NLF, GVN WOULD FAIL ALSO, DESPITE U.S.-SUPPLIED EQUIPMENT. HE REPEATED CANARD ABOUT THOUSANDS OF U.S. MILITARY ADVISERS IN SVN IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES. ON REUNIFICATION, ZHUKOV MERELY QUOTED APPLICABLE PASSAGE FROM PARIS AGREEMENT.

5. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON U.S. AID TO DRV, ZHUKOV ALSO QUOTED PARIS AGREEMENT AND SAID TALKS HAD BEGUN BETWEEN U.S. AND NORTH VIETNAMESE. HOWEVER, THESE TALKS HAD BEEN BROKEN OFF (HE DID NOT EXPLAIN WHY) AND "WORLD OPINION DEMANDS THEIR RESUMPTION."

6. LAOS. ZHUKOV RELATED POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS OF PAST YEAR, UP TO AND INCLUDING ARRIVAL OF LPF UNITS IN VIENTIANE AND LUANG PRABANG. HE NOTED WITH OBVIOUS SATISFACTION THAT PARIS AGREEMENT BEING IMPLEMENTED WITH RESPECT TO LAOS. NEXT STEP, HE SAID, IS FOR TWO SIDES TO AGREE ON NEUTRALIZATION OF TWO CAPITALS. (SIMILAR SOVIET SATISFACTION WITH LAOS SITUATION WAS EVIDENT IN JANUARY 6 PRAVDA COMMENTARY ON LPF 18TH ANNIVERSARY.)

7. CAMBODIA. ZHUKOV AVOIDED MENTION OF SIHANOUK AND STATUS OF GRUNK. HE CLAIMED, HOWEVER, THAT "PATRIOTS" HAD LIBERATED 90 PERCENT OF TERRITORY AND FIVE AND ONE-HALF MILLION PEOPLE. HE CHARGED THAT LON NOL HAD COME TO POWER WITH THE AID OF THE CIA AND IS TOTALLY DEPENDENT ON U.S. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FINALLY, HE ASSERTED (WITHOUT IDENTIFYING ANY SOURCE) THAT GKR AIR FORCE IS BEING ASSISTED BY SOME 20 ROC PILOTS SENT BY CHIANG KAI-SHEK.SOMMERLATTE

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